BAR HILL NEWS

March 2010 Issue 472

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Message from Primary Care Trust

Residents of Bar Hill may be aware that **Dr J Hassan and Dr RS Ranasinghe will be leaving the practice** at the end of May 2010. NHS Cambridgeshire would like to reassure you that the services that you currently receive from the Bar Hill Health Centre will continue to be provided.

Should you have any queries or if this is raising any issues for you please do not hesitate to contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Services on 01223 725588 or freephone 0800 2792535 or you can email us on pals@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk or mailto:pals@cambridgeshire.nhs.uk.

Copy date for the next issue is 15th March to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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The Objectives of the Association are to act as an intermediary between the Residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the Village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication and not necessarily those of the Association. **Anonymous letters will NOT be published, but names and addresses may be withheld.** However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

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The ¼ page ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication. This often results in a waiting list and, to help overcome this problem, we provide maxi and mini ads. These appear throughout the publication and we cannot guarantee their inclusion due to restrictions of space.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

All telephone numbers without an area code are Crafts Hill (01954).

All items can be submitted **electronically on disc or to bhneditor@yahoo.com, or hard copy via Parish Council Office.**

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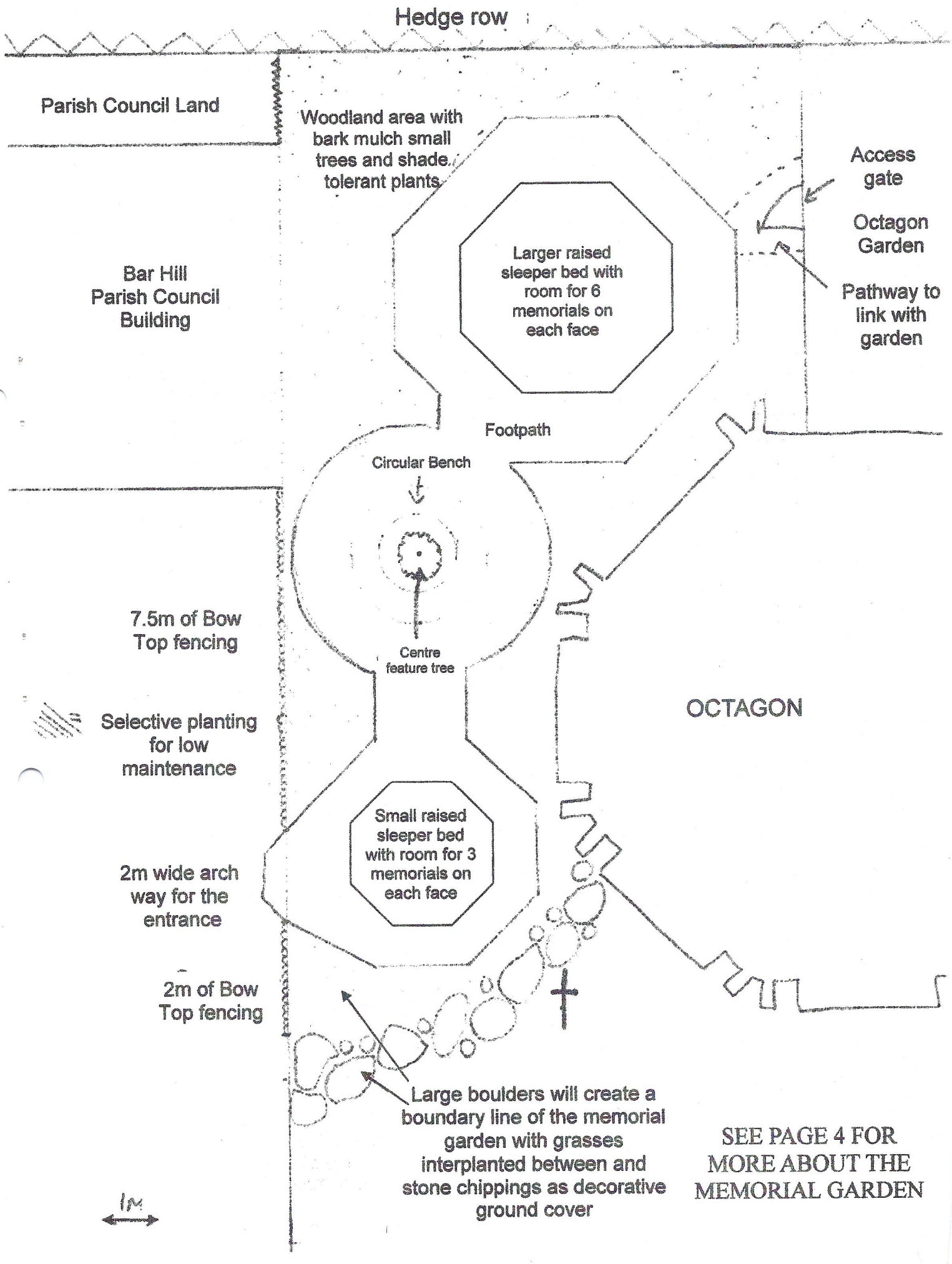
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Hedge row
Parish Council Land
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Octagon Garden
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Bar Hill Parish Council Building
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Footpath
Circular Bench
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OCTAGON
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Large boulders will create a boundary line of the memorial garden with grasses interplanted between and stone chippings as decorative ground cover
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SEE PAGE 4 FOR MORE ABOUT THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The plan (see page 3) of the garden was designed in conjunction with the Citizenship Group in the Primary School. The Memorial Garden Committee was formed from those who had expressed an interest in involvement with the project, particularly recruiting at last year's village fête and including representatives from the church and from the Parish Council.

The Committee would welcome input from any resident of the village – please write or email to the Parish Council Office with your views on:

1 would you use the Memorial Garden?

2 under what circumstances would you use it?

3 what is your opinion on having plaques in the garden? Do you prefer plaques with individual's names on them, or one or two general plaques? The Royal British Legion Branch is already being consulted about a plaque to remember those who are suffering or have died in conflict.

4 Would residents like the opportunity to buy plants/ dedicate plants such as rose bushes to those they wish to remember?

The Committee would also be glad to welcome anyone else who would like to be involved further by coming to its next meeting on Thursday 29th April at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council Office.

Send your comments to the Parish Clerk, C/o Parish Council Office, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. You can email your comments to bhillpc-1@btconnect.com or telephone the Clerk on 780456 (leave a message if she is not there). Please let us have your view before the next meeting on 29th April.

Dear Editor

Were you one of the 3 people waiting at the Little Meadow bus stop at 9 am on Monday 1 February? You may have failed to see the teenage girl who had passed out inside the bus shelter but did you not see me struggling to pick her up off the floor, pick up her bag and walk her away from the bus stop? An offer of help would have been greatly appreciated - and I am shocked and disgusted that anyone living in Bar Hill could treat anyone in this way. Had I not helped she may have got hypothermia or choked on her vomit - she needed some help and yet you just ignored her.

This isn't central Cambridge with some old wino falling over - she was a young girl in her school uniform. I just hope that if one of you ever need some help from one of our younger residents that they don't do what you did and just turn the other cheek. I would hope that at the very least they would call 999 to get you some help. It should not be left to 14 year old school children to call for help when an adult stands idly by. It is no surprise that the youth of today have no respect for the older generation - respect is earned not deserved.

Justin Bladen

Dear Editor

I keep seeing more and more plastic bottles on lawns. People take off the labels and fill them with water and put them on their front lawns or gravel in front of the house. They look like litter, but somebody told me they do it to keep the foxes away. If that is why people do it, it is a superstition that not only does not work, but also makes their front lawns look like a rubbish tip.

John Lucas

Dear Editor,

I recently moved to Bar Hill and enjoyed the newsletter. However there are a couple of corrections. Firstly the telephone number for the public libraries has been changed to 0345 045 5225, unlike the previous 0845 number this is charged at the national landline rate and is included in most mobile and landline call packages. Secondly most of your adverts for Gas Engineers still feature Corgi numbers and logos, the Gas Safe Register replaced CORGI as the gas registration body in Great Britain on 1st April 2009, and Northern Ireland will follow on the 1st of April 2010. Should anyone wish to check a Gas Installer they can do so by going online to http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/ or phone 0800 408 5500.

I would like to recommend that the Gas Safe Register phone number along with the National Grid Gas Emergency number which is 0800 111 999 be published in your useful telephone number section.

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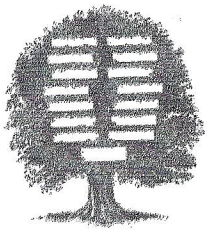
Coffee mornings

We had record attendance in February and lots of lively conversation. Come and join us! The next coffee mornings will be on Thursday 1 April and Thursday 6 May, from 10.00 a.m. to noon.

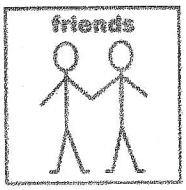
Who do you think you are?

If you have always wondered about your ancestors – perhaps after watching the TV programme in which Boris Johnson found out that he is descended from King George II – call at the Library on the third Thursday of the month. Bernard Amps of the Cambridgeshire Family History Society continues to offer advice and has helped many to explore their families.



Are you still a Friend?

Thank you to all who have shown your support by paying your subscription for 2010. If you have not renewed, please do. Cuts in library services are inevitable, and a thriving Friends group makes a difference when decisions are made about economies. The more Friends we have, the more we demonstrate that Bar Hill values its Library, and the less likely it is that we will be affected by local government savings. Help us to keep our Library flourishing.



BIN COLLECTION DATES

3 March	Green bin and boxes
10 March	Black bin
17 March	Green bin and boxes
24 March	Black bin
31 March	Green bin and boxes
8 April (**Thursday**)	Black bin

Sports and Social Club

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in high definition, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar.

Visit our website for the latest news, www.bhssc.org.uk

What's on in March?

Saturday 6th of March - Membership Draw night
Saturday 20th of March - Membership Draw Night
Tuesday 23rd of March - Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting

The BHSSC AGM will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday, 23rd of March. All members are invited to attend. Come and hear reports from the Club Officials, elect a committee for 2010 and raise any issues you may have.

Looking Ahead...

Saturday 3 April - Disco Dave is back again with an **Easter Disco**. Children's disco from 7 pm to 9 pm, grown-ups from 9 pm till Midnight.

Friday 23rd April - Get Back, another chance to see this **excellent duo**, back by popular demand.

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times.

The Club also has a **junior membership** for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

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BAR HILL COLTS F.C

Now that the weather has improved, if only slightly at times, the teams are playing on pitches that resemble quagmires and remind me of watching never-ending foggy and muddy FA Cup ties from the 1970s on the telly. That was before the advent of under-soil heating, all-seater stadiums and WAGS. How times change…

MATCH RESULTS

16th/17th January

U10 BH Eagles 1 – 5 Hardwick
U11 BH Bombers 4 – 1 Burwell
U13 Cherry Hinton 7 – 0 BH Raiders
U14 Arbury 3 – 3 BH Rangers
U17 Brampton 5 – 3 BH Jets

23rd/24th January

U7 Burwell 8 – 1 BH Foxes
(Friendly)
U8 BH Bullets 4 – 4 Cambourne
U11 Cambridge 2 – 3 BH Bombers
(Plate Competition)
U11G BH All-Stars 0 – 4 Comberton
U14G BH Spitfires 0 – 1 Buckden
(Plate Competition)
U12 Priory Parkside 3 – 2 Bar Hill
U13 Withersfield 15 – 0 BH Raiders
U14 Girton 3 – 4 BH Rangers
(Knockout Cup 3rd Round)
U17 Histon 1 – 1 BH Jets

6th/7th February

U8 Comberton 6 – 4 BH Bullets
U9 BH Ravens 4 – 9 Gamlingay
U10 Papworth 4 – 4 BH Eagles
U11G BH All-Stars 1 – 16 Haverhill
U14G Witchford 6 – 0 BH Spitfires
U12 Haverhill 3 – 1 Bar Hill
U13 Priory Parkside 9 – 0 BH Raiders
U14 Warboys 4 – 3 BH Rangers

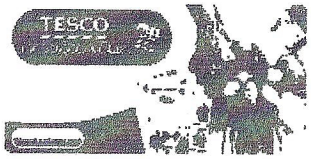
13th/14th February

U9 Over 2 – 0 BH Ravens
U10 BH Eagles 0 – 3 Swavesey
U11 Haverhill 2 – 4 BH Bombers
U12 Bar Hill 0 – 3 Priory Parkside
U13 BH Raiders 1 – 8 Cherry Hinton
U14 BH Rangers 3 – 1 Papworth
U17 BH Jets 1 – 3 St Neots
(Knock-Out Cup)

BAR HILL COLTS IS A CHARTER STANDARD CLUB

TESCO VOUCHERS

Bar Hill Colts FC are once again collecting Tesco Vouchers. These vouchers are a good source of obtaining footballs and equipment for our teams. Please pass on any vouchers you may have to one of our team managers or drop them in to Paul Neal at 35 Foxhollow.



RANGERS CUP RUN

Bar Hill dominated Girton from the start with **Ellis Lenton** playing some nice through balls. Two minutes in and **Matt Childs** shot just into the side netting and then hit the cross bar on nine minutes. **Johnny Clarke-Hassel** played **Matt** through who then passed to **Ashley Skelton** who turned and buried the ball superbly to make it 0-1. Twenty five minutes in and **Ashley's** corner found **Luke Thomas's** head to make it 0-2 and then they repeated the same move seven minutes later to go into half time 0-3 up. Ten minutes into the second half and **Matt** drew the Girton keeper out on the left and shot past him from the edge of the box to make it 0-4! Three goals from Girton in quick succession rattled the Bar Hill side a bit and made for a nail biting final ten minutes but Bar Hill played hard and kept the final score sheet at 3-4. **Dan Virgo** proved very useful in goal collecting some high balls and the Bar Hill back four (**Dan Paine**, **Luke Thomas**, **Joel Finbow** and **Tom Lewin**) continually frustrated the Girton forwards. **Ryan Patton** gave a strong debut performance. A very impressive performance takes Bar Hill U14s into the Quarter Finals. Referees Player of the Match: **Matt Childs**

KIND DONATION

Bar Hill Ravens U9s were very kindly given a donation of £200 from Sainsburys in Sidney Street, Cambridge. This was gratefully accepted and the money was used to purchase every player a new jumper and some training equipment.

NON-STOP EFFORT

The last time the All-Stars and Haverhill met the game ended in a 1-1 draw, Haverhill getting a lucky deflection to retrieve a point. This time the All-Stars were sadly not able to field a full strength team due to sickness and other commitments. Despite this the girls showed 100% effort right from the start, building in confidence throughout the match. Haverhill struck early finding the All-Stars net on a number of occasions ending the first half 0-8. However, if **Ellie Bryden** hadn't put in a sterling effort in goal then the score would have been much greater. A tactical change in the second half saw **Jess Curry** move into a forward position to be rewarded with a late goal that came from a surging run through the Haverhill defence to beat the goalkeeper from the edge of the box.

The end result was 1-16 but the score doesn't reflect the sporting attitude displayed by the girls and the enjoyment they got from playing the game, even though they were hampered by a very wet and heavy pitch. Well done to **all** the girls! For her efforts in goal and not letting her head drop, despite the strong Haverhill attack, **Ellie Bryden** was awarded Player of the Match.

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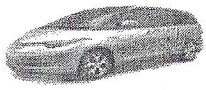

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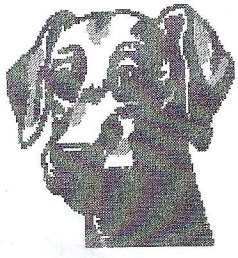

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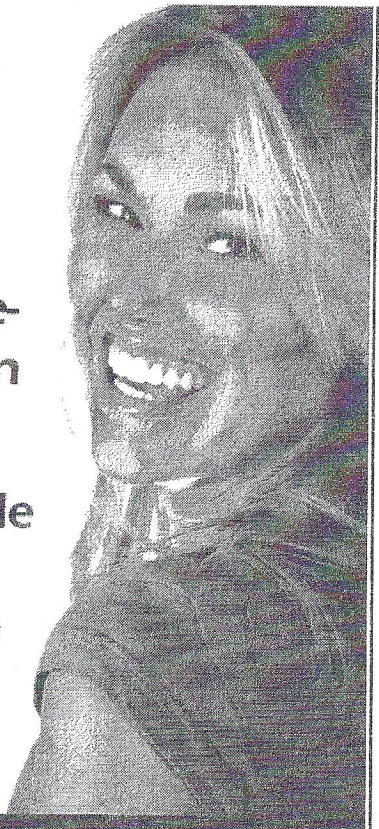

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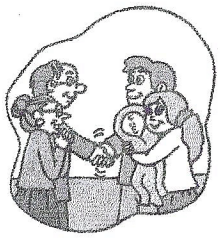
All senior citizens in Bar Hill are cordially invited to join us for a hassle free Holiday at Home. Now in its 5th successful year, many older people in our community are regular holiday makers but we always welcome new faces.

The event will take place in Bar Hill Church Octagon building on **6th to 8th April** with an optional outing on Saturday the 10th. Each day starts at 9 am with coffee followed by a huge choice of art and crafts, games (including WII), hand pampering, keep fit and quizzes. Then there is a home cooked lunch with delicious puddings, musical entertainment and finally afternoon tea. Each day ends at 3.30 so you can rest in the comfort of your own home.



Transport can be provided to anyone in Bar Hill who has difficulty walking to the church and guests using wheelchairs are welcome.

All are invited; you don't have to be a member of the Church or Knit and Natter. Gentlemen are, of course, welcome for all three days but there will be a specially focussed **men's taster day on the Wednesday**. The cost is £15 for the three days plus £5 for the optional outing. So join us for a wonderful holiday without the worry of travelling and hotels. Contact Sue Kenchington 780260 to book or to find out more.

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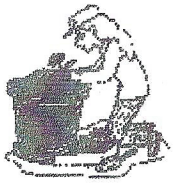

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We invite all current, lapsed and new members to come along and play on the courts. Please encourage your family, neighbours and friends to come down to our club social nights to play some tennis. We welcome players of all abilities. Tennis is an excellent way to keep fit and enjoy the summer evenings in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Our Adult Club nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 to 9 pm.

CONTACTS:

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Chairperson	Alan Hewings
Secretary	Paul Thorby
Treasurer	Jairo Marin

Photographic Competition

for Swavesey Camera Club Exhibition

Closing date for entries is Friday 16th April

More information in April's Bar Hill News

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ROGER HALL AND BUNTY WATERS

COUNCIL TAX

A council tax increase of just below three per cent is being proposed by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), with an emphasis on protecting services wherever possible. At their meeting on 11 February, members of cabinet considered a recommendation that council tax be set at £115.46 for a Band D property. This would represent an increase of £3.36 a year.

Should the proposals be agreed by cabinet, they will go forward to a meeting of council on Thursday 25 February 2009.

CONNECTIONS BUS

Young people across South Cambridgeshire are set to benefit from a new, second Connections Bus - a state of the art on the road youth club launched on Saturday 6 February at Histon Football Club. The Connections Buses visit new communities and villages that do not have a venue for youth activities, giving young people somewhere to use the internet and games consoles, play sport, relax and be with their friends. The new bus has been funded through South Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge City Councils and their Local Strategic Partnerships.

Villages that would like a visit from the Connections Bus project should contact Alan Webb, project manager, on (01223) 232978 or admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk.

Not everyone has access to the internet: if anyone would like information from South Cambs website please let me know. We can be contacted on 01954 201421 /07734 690580 email: bunty.waters@ntlworld.com Roger Hall 01954 780304 roger.hall90@ntlworld.com

The Allotment Society

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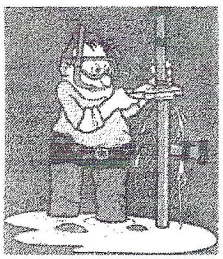

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Activities Crafts Chat Singing
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Snacks for children Hot drinks for adults

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Services will be especially appropriate for pre-school age children, siblings are welcome

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8 o'clock Club

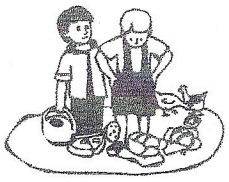
The 8 o'clock Club meets at 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month in the school at Bar Hill during term time. Our programme for the half year is as follows:

4 March – birthday party – members only
1 April – school closed
6 May – clothes party
3 June – garden party
1 July – Christopher and Janet South

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us or come for a visit please come along to one of our meetings where we would be very pleased to see you. If you prefer to have a chat about the Club please telephone Barbara (204171) or Adela (204265)

Can you help with the production of the Bar Hill News?

We are often in need of new volunteers to join or team of about 50 helpers. There are always people who need to stop helping for many different reasons, such as ill health, family commitments and moving away. We currently have a vacancy for one or two collators. **Collating involves assembling 100 copies from 15 piles of printed paper and stapling them with the electric stapler that we provide.** Most people find it takes about an hour. We usually ask the collator to pass the assembled copies onto one or two people who will then deliver them, although we can arrange to collect if necessary. We produce 11 copies each year; omitting the copy at the beginning of January.
If you are willing to help in this way, please contact Martin Avery, 781233, 34 Acorn Avenue.



Bar Hill Childminders

If you are thinking of going back to work or would just like to have a bit of time to yourself, then why not leave your child in a friendly family environment with a Childminder who is Ofsted registered, fully insured and First Aid trained. Childminders offer a wide range of activities including trips out to local toddler groups and parks, arts and crafts, music, stories and much much more. If you would like to find out more you can call any of the childminders listed below or just come along to our Coffee and Kids session on Thursday mornings between 10.00 am and 11.30 am.

CHILDMINDERS WITH CURRENT VACANCIES:-

Terri	780458
Kirsten Cox –	)
(Mon,Tues,Thurs from April	)202228
0-5yrs – 8 am-6 pm)	)
Melanie	204496
Kirsten Goodfield	200228

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre-school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 10 am to 11.30 am. The price of £1.80 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Debbie on 201739 for more details.

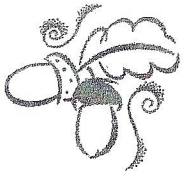
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Last month I told you about the fantastic donations to our Poppy Appeal. At our annual County Conference our Chairman was proud to receive on behalf of our Branch the Gautry Trophy for raising the highest amount per head of the population of Bar Hill. Must remember to give the Trophy a good polish before it is returned at the end of the year.

At last month's meeting we were joined by Revd. Adams to discuss the Memorial Garden. It sounds a very interesting project.

As always we meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. New members are always welcome.

Mary Shubotham
(Sec.) 781553



Little Acorns Pre-school.

Little Acorns is situated in the SPARC building next door to the primary school. We are open every day, both morning and afternoon. A lunch club session is also available each day. Our opening times are 9-11.30 am and 12.30- 3 pm. Children may attend from their second birthdays.

We provide a variety of learning experiences, both indoor and out. Children are encouraged to be creative, and to explore and investigate the things in their world. All of our staff hold a childcare qualification and are trained in first aid and child protection.

We offer a 'places for all' policy. Every year we offer free or subsidised places to a number of families. If you feel that you would like to speak to us about this, we would love to hear from you. Please phone Sally on 201074 or drop in anytime. If you would like to book sessions please ring Gail on 203229 or on our pre-school number 07851803083.

We will be holding regular open days at the start of each term for our new starters (who will receive an invitation nearer the time). If you are interested in coming to look around too, please phone us to book your place, or if you would like us to send you some information and a registration form. Alternatively you may prefer to e-mail us at s.gedny@ntlworld.com

Hiring the rooms

The pre-school room is available to hire for parties and functions. The current charge is £7.50 per hour (a minimum charge applies). Booking forms are available in the lobby area or by calling Janine on 07879613731.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups for lively minded women who enjoy sharing ideas, discussing topics (a chance topic may become a lifelong interest), listening to speakers, sharing social events and making new friends.

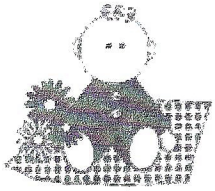
NWR is for making friends locally, exploring new interests, meeting women from other areas, sharing a lot of fun together and it costs very little.

4th March **Life skills** – Which skills will our grandchildren need? Venue: Brenda's
18th March **Explore Slavery** Venue: Marie-The's
1st April **Hat debate** Venue: Heather's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1.00 to cover costs. All women are welcome.

If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Marie-Therese Last on 780329 or Kaye Fuller on 782403. We can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk it really is worth a look!

Under 1's



Come along to our under 1's group for chat, meet other parents and refreshments.
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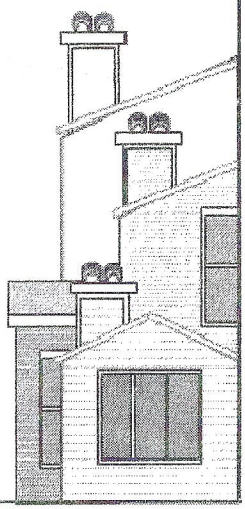

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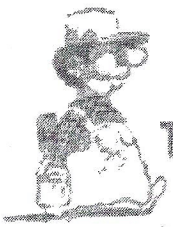

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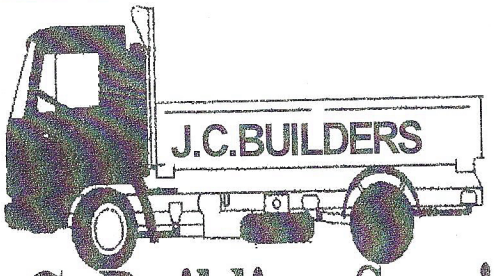

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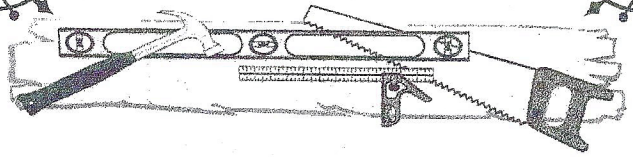

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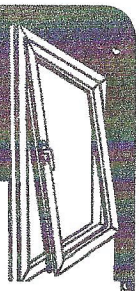

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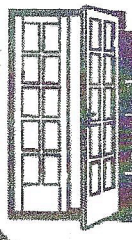

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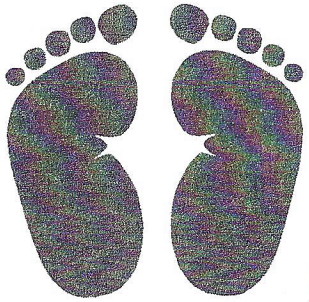

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kaye.fuller80@yahoo.co.uk 07833741727

SWAVESEY & OVER CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SOCS)

Wednesday 10th March 2010
"TAWNY, LITTLE AND BARN OWLS" HABITAT, NEST BOXES AND FOOD REQUIREMENTS An illustrated talk by Peter Wilkinson

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Lifts available if required – PLEASE PHONE: Tim Parish: 01954 203035 or Pat Miles: 01954 780485
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SAVE THE PLANET AND SAVE MONEY...

We are bombarded with conflicting information about the environmental damage being done to our planet and since even the experts can't seem to agree on what is going on, it may seem easier to ignore the issue.
However, this won't make the problem disappear. If chunks of the planet were falling off then we would react very quickly. However, the destruction of the planet is not that obvious so we need to apply some common sense - there clearly is not going to be an endless amount of resources for our use, or an endless amount of space to fill up with our rubbish. If we continue to pollute our land, our sky and our seas then isn't it rather obvious that we will run out of food and water...
After last month's article no doubt your freezer is defrosted, your electronic gizmos aren't being left in standby mode and your house is no longer lit up a like a Christmas tree.

It has been a harsh winter, but with about **2/3** of our household energy bill spent on heating our homes, here are some ways to cut back on your energy usage:

- ☺ Turn down your thermostat by just one degree Celsius and cut around 10% off your heating bills – an average saving of around **£40 pa**
- ☺ Rather than turning up the heating as the temperature drops, put on an extra layer of clothes. It is probably healthier than walking around your house in a T shirt and then going outside into the cold
- ☺ Finally, a very obvious one, keep external doors shut. Not just in your own home, but in work, shops and other buildings you use.

Bar Hill Village Fête 2010

This year's Fête will be held on Saturday 3rd July 2010. The theme this year is World Cup/ South Africa. If you would like to help with the running of the Fête or can help on the day with litter collecting please contact us on 07534 849448 or email barhillfete@hotmail.com. If you are a village group or organisation and would like a stall at this year's Fête please complete the form below and return to the Parish Council Offices or email the details to barhillfete@hotmail.com.

Name of Group ..... Contact Name .....

Contact Email address.....Contact Address.....

Contact Phone Number .....Details of Stall .....

Would you be able to man an inflatable?.....

Forms must be returned by Monday 29th March 2010.

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Parish Council Offices
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Tel: 780456
Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

For all you regular walkers out there
The County Council has produced a Countryside Access Map entitled "Walks and Rides around the Northstowe Hundred". A very interesting history of the local countryside and lots of pleasant walks and bike rides for you enthusiasts. If you would like a map please call in to the office as I have been given a substantial supply.

Gritting
In view of the problems the village has encountered with the recent bad weather and the fact that Highways will only grit main roads such as the perimeter road, it has been agreed that in future the Parish Council will employ a company to grit the first 20 meters of every street entrance at the first sign of ice or snow. Also in view of Hillcrest and other side roads having some very steep inclines there will be grit bins installed at different points to enable residents to grit the road immediately outside their homes.

Litter Picking Day
It's that time of year again. I thought I would give you all plenty of notice as we had such a great turn out last year. This year's Litter Picking Day will take place on Saturday 10th April at 10 am outside the Parish Council office. Picking sticks, gloves and bin liners will be provided, all you have to do is provide an hour of your time!

Police Surgery
The Police Surgery will be taking place on Wednesday 17th March if any resident has a problem and would like to discuss this with our PCSO, Karen Mahoney.

Parish Council Meetings
The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 18 March at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Streetlights: 0800 253529 quoting the CCC No. (written on lamppost).
South Cambridgeshire District Council: (03450 450500) - this has changed!!
County Council (damaged paths and roads): (01223) 717111
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VILLAGE HALL

We have a new childen's dance group on Wednesday, you can contact Sara on 07971 777943 or visit the website at www.honeyarts.vpweb.co.uk and on Tuesday evenings we also have a new RC diet and fitness class, just come along and join
To book or contact us at the village hall, please telephone 01954 782414 and leave a message and we will call you back or, e-mail
barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com
During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

Mon	Helene Jones Dance	3.15-9 pm
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Wed	Honey's School of Performing Arts (NEW)	3.45 –6.45 pm
Wed	Aerobics	6.45-9.00 pm
RC Fitness class (NEW)		8 – 9.30 pm
Thurs	Children's Martial Arts	4.00-5.00 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7.00-8.00 pm
Fri	Noah's Ark (multi-birth club)	10 am-12 noon
Fri	Martial Arts	5-9.00 pm
Sun	Martial Arts	10 am-12 noon
Sun	Bingo	7.30-9.30pm

With effect from 1st March I shall be standing down as Chairman and Booking Clerk for the Village Hall.
Since becoming Chairman in 2005 I have seen the building redeveloped into what we have today, which is a great asset for ALL the residents, clubs and regular hirers of the Village Hall, and I would like to wish you all my best wishes for the future of the building.

Iain Martin

PART-TIME WORK

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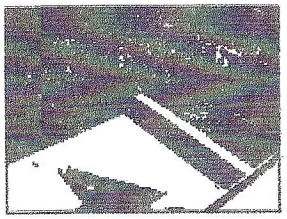

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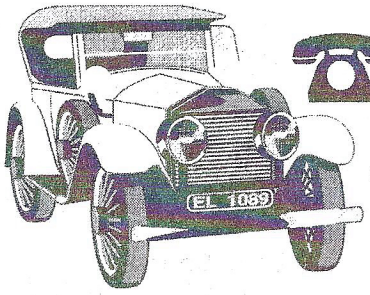

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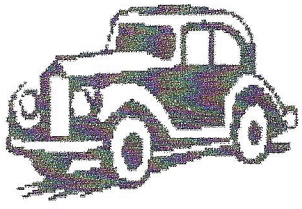

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Our children enjoy a wide range of inspiring equipment, games and craft activities, from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft and lots more, or if they prefer they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor play. A snack, such as pasta, filled pittas etc followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit is provided. We make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which we share.

We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:

Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday
School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday

Our fees are:

Term Time £3.85/hour for 1st child and £3.45/hour for siblings, which includes the snack.

School Holidays which also include the snack have special day rates:

8.15 am – 6 pm £25.00 (£2.63/hr)
8.30 am – 1 pm £14.00
1.15 pm – 5.30 pm £14.00
10 am – 12 pm Holiday craft sessions £5.00/Session

Whether you are looking for full time, part time or just occasional childcare, or our special holiday craft sessions, we are able to offer all of these. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any more information or would like to come along and see what we have to offer.

Patsie Ostler

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested residents are always welcome at our meetings which are normally held on the second Monday of the month in the Parish Council Office at 8 pm. The next meeting will be on 8 March.

CRICKET CLUB

Help, we need somebody! Not just anybody – under-13's to be precise.

We're beefing up our youth section this season after the previous intake mostly stepped up to adult cricket.

We have an **under-13 team** entered in the league and cup and need more players to join the ranks. The youth league is played in the same format as the most exciting form of the game – **Twenty20!**

We'll be starting our **training nights in April** – watch this space and our website for details – and plan some coaching sessions at the school as well.

Even if you are not quite old enough for the under-13s, don't worry, as we will be organising training with the younger generation in mind as well. The club has youth and health and safety policies and a code of conduct in place, and a welfare officer, in line with the requirements of the governing bodies. These policies also include CRB checks for club officials.

And if you are too old, there's always our **Saturday adult teams.** We have three of those in action, with the firsts and seconds playing at the Village Green and the thirds at Swavesey Village College.

The season kicks off on April 18 with a pre-season friendly away to Huntingdon, with another friendly the following weekend against Girton at home.

The league season starts on May 1 for the firsts and seconds and on May 8 for the thirds.

We also have a programme of Sunday friendlies, including a **Twenty20 tournament** provisionally set for May 23 and the **Chairman's Challenge,** where we take on the Social Club, provisionally set for June 20.

Remember, **match fees for 2010 have been frozen,** meaning we are probably the cheapest club in the area to play for!

For more information about all our activities, visit **www.barhillcricket.org.uk** or call me on the number below.

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Solutions for February

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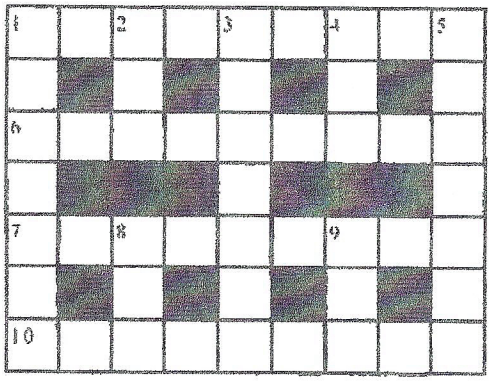
Down: 1 Puccini, 2 eel, 3 Avignon, 4 Uni, 5 endless, 8 sum, 9 Ems



Clues for March

Across: 1 character in Othello, 6 praised or estimated, 7 USSR newspaper, 10 necessary

Down: 1 and 5 short novel by Waugh (7, 3 and 4 letters), 2 American uncle, 3 19th century American poet, 4 aged, 8 strength/force (L), 9 Amin, past Ugandan head of state.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church -
Services for March 2010

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 7th	10.00 am	Holy Communion (URC)
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Sun 14th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Worship
	3.00 pm	Family fun (for children up to year 2)
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Sun 21st	10.00 am	Holy Communion (Methodist)
	6:30 pm	Quiet Prayer
Wed 24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Sun 28th	10.00 am	All-Age Worship Palm Sunday
	6:30 pm	Holy Communion

A Roman Catholic service on Saturday evenings at 6 pm
People to contact: The minister: Rev Ruth Adams
Tel: 01954 789369

Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30-10.30)

.Websitewww.barhillchurch.com

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Local contact: Bunty Waters Tel: 201421

Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

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Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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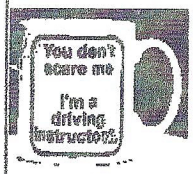

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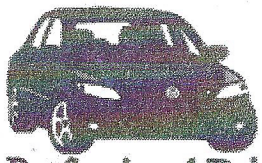

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The aim of Bar Hill Pre-School is to provide high quality care and education by focusing on each individual child's ability, encouraging their development through the Early Years Foundation Stage. Our main emphasis is learning through play and the Every Child Matters. Your child will be able to explore a variety of activities in an educational setting required by OFSTED. Our Key Person and Key Person Buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of each individual child through planning their own individual educational plan and next steps.

Session Times

Village Hall

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	Play tots	12.30 - 3.00 (rising five's)
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00

Church Centre

Monday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Tuesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Wednesday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 - 3.00
Thursday	9.00 - 11.30	
Friday	9.00 - 11.30	12.30 – 3.00 (rising five's)

We offer a lunch club daily 11.30 - 12.30 at both settings

Early Years Funding

We can offer your child 5 free sessions when your child is eligible, currently the term after their 3rd birthday.

Subsidised places

We offer reduced session rates for parents/carers on Income Support/Working tax credit. We also accept child care vouchers from the Busy Bee scheme.

Play Tots Session

9.15 - 10.45 Tuesday—Village Hall Setting

This is for children up to 5 years old including babies.

We have lots of fun and a large selection of indoor/outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

Rising 5's Sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre-School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

For more information please contact the Pre-School direct on (01954) 782892 for the Village Hall setting or 07932482965 for the Church Centre setting during session times or feel free to pop in and see us at both settings. Alternatively contact Sarah our session allocation Co-ordinator on (01954) 781871 before 7 pm weekdays.

Applications are now being taken for September 2009/2010 entry.

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Parent and Toddler Group

Bar Hill parent and toddler group is a welcoming and friendly charity group run by a committee of parents to provide play and socialising for children (and parents) from 0-4 years of age. The sessions run Wednesdays and Fridays from 9.45 to 11.15 am during term time and are held in the Octagon. Both sessions provide a wide range of activities which include arts and crafts, puzzles, dressing up, role play and a wide range of outdoor toys (weather permitting).

The cost of each session is £1.90 for the first child and £1.00 per sibling up to a maximum of £3.00 per family or childminder. Under ones are free if accompanied by an older child. This fee includes refreshments for both parent/carer and children.

For any more info' please call Hanna on 200232 or Lisa on 201902.

GIVE US YOUR IDEAS ON PROJECTS FOR THE VILLAGE

When the Parish Council built the new building at the entrance to the village (occupied by Appletrees Homecare but known to the Parish Council as "The Willows") the rent from it was always intended to fund projects for the village which otherwise could only be done by raising the precept (the money all residents pay in council tax).

A year has almost gone by and we want your ideas on projects for the village. For the next financial year (from April 2010) we have £9,000 to spend on projects around the village. **Some residents have already replied.** Please give some thought to what would enhance our village, and what facilities would make life easier/more convenient/more interesting for residents. Once we have your ideas the Parish Council will make a decision, and it will be published in the "News".

We really do want your input. Contact us in one of the following ways:

Email BHParishPlan@aol.com
Phone 780456
Write C/o Chairman, Parish Council Office, Hanover Close, Bar Hill.

Margaret Sellars
Chairman Parish Council

BAR HILL SCHOOL

Main School Entrance and School Office

The main school entrance and office is in a classroom adjacent to the playground during the Children's Centre building work. We have been promised a new gate from the path at the rear of the school with a security system and expected this to be in place by November but are still awaiting its installation. Entry to the temporary Children's Centre office is via the gate nearest the Parish Council office.

Haiti Appeal

Our fundraising day for the Haiti Disaster appeal was extremely successful and **we raised an incredible £940!** Our thanks to the Cambridge Building Society for assistance with counting the coins.

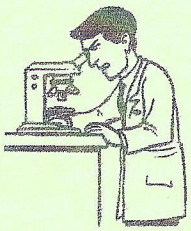
ECO Silver Award

We have received the ECO silver award in recognition of our environmental work around school. The children are recycling everything that they possibly can, developing the chef's garden and other small projects making the school environmentally friendly.

Willow Dome

Work started during half term on the construction of a willow dome in the school grounds. This has been funded by the very generous bequest of the great grandmother of Eleanor and Christopher Taylor, who passed away last year. To complete the project we would be very grateful if anyone has any unwanted 2 x 2 (60 cm x 60 cm) paving slabs we could have. We are able to collect! Please contact the school office (01954 273305).

Scientists wanted!



This term is Science Term! If there is anyone in Bar Hill who has a science background and could come into school to run some activities, then please contact the school office on 01954 273305.

Voucher Time

We are collecting vouchers from Tesco, Sainsbury and Nestlé box tops. If you have any you would like to give to us please drop them off at the school or in our collection box in the Post Office.

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Report from County Councillor John Reynolds

Have your say on improving transport in Cambridgeshire.

A series of public exhibitions started from February 9 to help update the Local Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire. This will be the third Local Transport Plan for the county and is a blue-print, based on the priorities set by residents, on what transport schemes should come forward.

Throughout February and March exhibitions will be held in locations around the county and people will also be able to complete the questionnaire on-line via a link from the main Local Transport Plan page at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ltp

Green vision consultation launched for Cambridgeshire.

The consultation will run until March 7. with a series of public exhibitions. The information and the consultation questionnaire can be found online at: www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk/greenvision.

Budget proposals announced.

The most challenging financial climate for decades is the stark backdrop to the County Council's budget for 2010/11, with the Council needing to become leaner to deal with a 20% cut in its spending power over the next five years.

Government continues to ration grit during UK salt shortage.

The County Council, like authorities across the UK, has been told by the Government to continue to ration rocksalt use between 40 to 50 per cent. The instructions follows the record prolonged spell of winter weather and a national shortage of salt. This means the County Council, in line with neighbouring counties, continues to grit only 'A' roads and a priority network of 'B' roads as well as waterside roads such as those next to drains in the Fens. This will continue until the Government lifts the rationing. Details of the revised network of roads which are being treated are available on the County Council's website -www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

County Council appoints new parking enforcement contractor.

The County Council has appointed the UK's largest provider of on street parking services to run parking enforcement in Cambridgeshire. The new contract, which comes into force on April 1, will coincide with the County Council taking on the running of parking enforcement from the City Council.

I am available for consultation by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be contacted at the address or telephone number below. Please let me know if you would like these regular updates by email.

Yours
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